



RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This is response to the OFFICE ACTION dated 5/24/2011.

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- (1) This letter of response (1 page)
- (2) Amended Claims with mark up (2 pages)

SUMMARY: AMENDMENT IN CLAIMS

Method type claims 18 and 19 are modified to be independent form. New claim 19 is less limited than previous claim 19. But new claim 22 is equivalent to previous claim 19.

All other previous claims are canceled.

RESPONSE TO ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 18 and 19 are modified to be independent form, by including two steps in previous base claim, which was claim 17.

New claim 19 described only finding nearest first beat and restarting procedure when a button is pushed. New claim 22, which is dependent of new claim 19, further described about how to make change in duration data, which was in previous claim 19. So, new claim 22 including all limitation of previous claim 19.

New claim 19 has less limitation, but still describes step of finding nearest timing of first beat of bar followed by restarting action, it can be in a category of new idea not found or suggested in prior art as you recognized. This claim has usability when the system runs in read-only mode. Description about this use is written at end of paragraph [45] in publication of this application 20070199431.

CONCLUSION

Claims are reduced to allowable ones and modified in form.

Your check is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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